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**Impressive Obelisk in the Town Centre of Lelystad, a City in the Province of Flevoland. Cornelis Lely, a civil engineer stands on top of the Obelisk, overlooking the Flevoland Polder. He is the man who originated the idea of getting the "Afsluitdijk" built in the 1920's as well as other dikes to create Polders such as Flevoland.**

More on the "Afsluitdijk", Flevoland and the City of Lelystad on pages 22 & 23.

# Social Functions Calendar & Clubhouse Details

Below are the latest details of **events and activities** organised by Neerlandia and by the various Sub-Clubs.

## June 2023

Sunday 4	<b><u>Sunday Drive</u></b> <i>Doors open 10.30am for Coffee.</i> <b><i>More details on page 16.</i></b>	10.30 am
Mon 5,12,19,26	<b><u>Billiard Club</u></b>	9.15 am
Wed 7,21	<b><u>Bingo</u></b>	11am
Thurs 1,8,15,22,29	<b><u>Neerlandia Thursday Night Cards</u></b>	7pm
Thurs 1,15,29	<b><u>Neerlandia Seniors' Club</u></b>	10am
Sat 3,10,17,24	<b><u>Dutch Singers</u></b> Morley Windmills	
Sunday 18	<b><u>Dutch Fathers Day Movie afternoon</u></b> <b><i>More details on page 11.</i></b>	
Fri 30	<b><u>M &amp; W Borrel</u></b> Morley	6.00pm
Friday 30	<b><u>Silent Disco at Morley</u></b> <b><i>More details on page 13.</i></b>	

## July 2023

Sunday 2	<b><u>Sunday Drive</u></b> <i>Doors open 10.30am for Coffee.</i> <b><i>More details on page 16.</i></b>	10.30 am
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Wed 5,19	<b><u>Bingo</u></b>	11am
Thurs 6,13,20,27	<b><u>Neerlandia Thursday Night Cards</u></b>	7pm
Thurs 13,27	<b><u>Neerlandia Seniors' Club</u></b>	10am
Sat 1,8,15,22,29	<b><u>Dutch Singers</u></b> Morley Windmills	
Sun 23	<b><u>Young Professionals Workshop</u></b> <b><i>More details Machel van der Stelt.</i></b>	
Fri 28	<b><u>M &amp; W Borrel</u></b> Morley	6.00pm
Sun 30	<b><u>Neerlandia Anniversary Lunch</u></b>	

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*Neerlandia is using the Rhein-Donau Clubhouse for most of their activities.*

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# The President's Report



**President's Report.** Welcome once again dear members. So much happens in such a short space of time. We had another very successful Koningsdag celebration on Friday 28th of April. More than 60 members turned out and there was a lot of Orange to be seen. The Edelweiss

Hall was suitably decorated in Red, White, Blue, and Orange. Even the traditional food & drink had been thought of, but we were unsuccessful in finding anyone who could provide these for us. Better luck next year! See the full report in this Magazine.

The renovations for the Kitchen at the Rhein Donau Club have now been postponed until after Octoberfest. Apparently, the necessary permit was not issued by the City Of Melville. Having to wait additional time would risk the project not being completed BEFORE Octoberfest starts. Hence, the reason for the change in timing.

This has caused a few undesirable consequences, but ones that were easily dealt with. What it does mean however is that our original planned events up until Octoberfest can now continue without interruption. We may even add an extra function or two. However, this change was at too short notice for us to once again make changes to the André Rieu show. This event will have completed by the time you receive this magazine. But the planned catering and pricing remained unchanged from that as advertised in our May Magazine. I expect the responses to this showing will be very positive and you will be able to read all about it in our next July/August magazine. There are changes occurring within the Rhein Donau Club. Those of you who attend the club on a weekly or bi-weekly basis will already be aware of some of the changes that have been made. It is all in a quest for efficiency, modernisation, refreshing the

look and feel of each area, as well as creating extra space for the various clubs now using the Rhein Donau Club.

This brings me to a rather delicate point. Neerlandia has had the Mies Library for many years and for many it has been a great resource. However, over the past 4 years, no-one has been known to take out one of our books. The last recorded borrowing was September 2019. Space is a precious commodity. All these books take up two separate walls within that room we call "The Library". I am certain that there are books of historical value worth retaining, but I am also certain that there are books that are fictional and attracts no interest at all. We have been asked by the Rhein Donau Club as to what we want to do with these books. I invite our members to visit the library at your next visit to the club and take what ever book you are interested in.

Sometime in late July to August, we will sort out the remaining books and decide which are worth keeping and which will be disposed of. When that is done we will not accept any more.

As I said in last month's report, events can, and do change. You can see evidence of this again through the changes with the renovations of the RDC kitchen. Therefore, please keep your events calendar close by within your home. Whilst we have listed all known events, it is possible that an event may be rescheduled, cancelled, or modified. Also New Events, not yet listed in our calendar may come up. Please refer to the inside page of your Neerlandia Magazine for possible changes and note these on your calendar.

As I know of a few members having contracted COVID over the past month, it is proof of what I have been warning you all about. Covid is still in the Community, and it is mutating all the time. So, treat your health as if it were GOLD.

**John Zwartkruis,  
President.**

# Konings borrel at the Maas & Waal



**Maas & Waal Koningsborrel**  
Friday 28 April was Koningsdag at the Maas & Waal Borrel in the Dutch Club. (held at the RDC).

A pleasant wave of orange engulfed anyone who walked into the festively decorated Edelweiss Hall.



MC John Zwartkruis lead us into the Wilhelmus, the Dutch National Anthem. As the lyrics were shown on the big screen TV, everyone could join in to sing to the King's birthday. This was certainly a nice touch, and it united all the visitors in bringing out a toast to Koning WillemAlexander.

Lots of patrons had gone through the effort of dressing up in orange, which was just as well as half-way through the night we enjoyed the Best Dressed Competition. Not only for the grown-ups but for the kids as well. They all got a



chance to win a prize. Best dressed was decided by audience participation which caused a lot of clapping and banter. In the adult category Lianna & Barrie's outfit was the favourite, as it depicted all the highlights of the 751-year-old Dutch town of Gouda. Stroopwafels, cheeses, the cheese market and the Renaissance townhall to mention but a few of the pictures shown on their clothes.



Yet, no matter how gregarious those two looked, the Edelweiss Hall broke out in the loudest cheer when Philip showed the audience his take on "get dressed in orange" in the kids' category. His orange appearance may have been minimal, his cuteness was certainly the overall winner.



The kitchen staff meanwhile, had done their best to please the patrons with Dutch foods. Delicious friet, bitterballen and kroketten combos



# Konings borrel at the Maas & Waal



sold like hot cakes. At some stage a deep and meaningful discussion developed between a Dutch- and a Belgian guest about “mayonnaise” and “frietsaus”. Needless to say the discussion became rather heated at some stage.

Two new visitors joined one of the tables and they were warmly welcomed by a group of friends already there. That is the power of our Club: making sure that new visitors are made welcome. The Koningsdag Celebrations that night were certainly warm and welcoming.

Thank you to the Committee and volunteers for making the Edelweiss Hall a Mass of Red White Blue and Orange for that April Maas & Waal Koningsdag Borrel— we all loved it!

L.P.



# Day out with the Dutch Singers & Guests

Day out with the Dutch Singers and invited Guests on the 18th of May.



Morning Coffee at Whiteman Park and soaking up the rustic surroundings.

We all gathered at the Morley-Windmills Club at Wotton Reserve at 8:30am and it was a lovely sunny day with a temperature around 28 degrees.

The Club55 bus arrived on time and Chris, our chauffeur and owner of Club55, greeted us with a smile, and why wouldn't he be, transporting a busload of happy Seniors.

A few members couldn't make it due to medical appointments and our organiser Alida and Ludwig couldn't come because they had contracted Covid.

Very sad after organising this whole outing.

Our first stop was at Whiteman Park, where we had morning tea. A large family of magpies thought they should join us, and we all had to protect our cakes and biscuits. After the morning tea Chris took us to the shopping area, where we waled around and visited the

Lolly shop, the Motor Museum and Art & Craft shops. Then it was time to go to the Stringy-Bark Winery and Restaurant for lunch. This was in a lovely setting and we had a great lunch and the dessert was a yummy Apple Crumble. (see the 2 photos on the top of the next page) After that there was self-serve coffee for those that love a cuppa after a meal.

But getting to the luncheon was something else, simply because we were stuck behind a truck with an oversized load.



Daniel Ricciardo won 3 F1 races in this exquisite racing car.

# Day out with the Dutch Singers and Guests



A massive piece of machinery was on board, headed to the mines up North. It took up all of the Great Northern Highway in both directions, so no passing was possible.

When we had to cross the Swan River, the truck had to crawl across the bridge at 2 km in order to not damage it.

Chris also had to ring ahead to let the restaurant know that we were about 30 minutes later than planned.

After our luncheon we had a scenic drive through the Lower Chittering Valley and Chris drove us to see a magnificent Church: The Devine Mercy Catholic Church. An inspiring copper domed cruciform stone church, which would truly be an icon of faith and a desirable pilgrimage destination. They have started building a Catholic High School.

Next on our schedule was a visit to the Margaret River Chocolate Factory outlet in the Swan Valley. Started off with some free chocolate buttons, which were much appreciated by all. Then of course everyone wanted to buy some chocolate delicacies and of enjoy a delicious Ice-cream.

Then it was back to The Morley-Windmills Club on time and after a perfect outing we parted with lots of smiles.

Thanks to Alida for organizing this wonderful trip, Neerlandia for sponsoring it and the Dutch Singers for inviting the various guests to make up the numbers.



A very nice photo, taken by Babette of Regina, a Choir Member.

## Babette van Dijk and Pieter Leeflang.



**Everyone enjoyed visiting the Margaret River Chocolate tasting and the ice-creams were not bad either.**

# Nederlandstalige Rondleiding Perth Art Gallery

## Nederlandse Rondleiding Art Gallery of Western Australia in Perth.

Op zaterdag 20 mei, een mooie zonnige herfstdag, was er de eerste Nederlandse rondleiding door de Art Gallery van West- Australië. De rondleiding is beschikbaar voor iedereen die geïnteresseerd is in art, jong en oud en wordt geleid door niemand minder dan Machteld Irons.

De Art Gallery van Western Australia is gratis (een donatie wordt gewaardeerd) en ligt op loopafstand van het station in het cultureel centrum in Northbridge. Om de gallery meer toegankelijk te maken worden er rondleidingen gegeven in andere talen, en zo ook in het Nederlands.

De rondleiding startte bij de tentoonstelling: "Reach out to the moon" van Yoshimoto Nara, die een serie van indrukwekkende beelden maakte naar aanleiding van de Fukushima ramp in Japan in 2011.

Onze weg ging verder naar de tentoonstelling 'Balancing Act', waar werken van Aboriginal- en Torrestrait Islander kunstenaars te zien zijn, waaronder ook veel West- Australische kunstenaars, soms met sterke politieke referenties. Vervolgens namen we een kijkje in de andere tentoonstellingsruimtes zodat we een idee kregen van wat er allemaal te zien is in dit kunstmuseum. Er is bijvoorbeeld ook een prachtig dakterras met uitzicht over de stad waar beelden van beroemde kunstenaars zoals, onder andere, Henry Moore, Hans Arp en Bourdelle te zien zijn.

Het was een zeer goede rondleiding, met de vakkundige kennis van Machteld, lijkt het alsof je een rondleiding krijgt in een museum in Nederland.

Machteld leert je langer kijken naar de kunst waardoor je meer ziet en met de extra informatie, krijgt een kunstwerk meer betekenis.

Maar wie is eigenlijk Machteld Irons en hoe kunnen we een Nederlandse rondleiding boeken?

Machteld Irons woont inmiddels al 13 jaar in Perth met haar Engelse man en twee tienerzonen. Jarenlang werkte ze op de Nederlandse school maar nu geeft ze les op Australische basisscholen.

Een jaar geleden begon ze als vrijwilliger bij de Art Gallery als rondleidster, voornamelijk om schoolkinderen rond te leiden.

"Ik vind het fijn om (jonge) mensen enthousiast te maken voor kunst. Veel kinderen komen nooit naar een museum en ik hoop met mijn rondleidingen ervoor te zorgen dat ze nog een keer terugkomen.

Kunsteducatie biedt mogelijkheden aan om creativiteit en verbeeldingskracht te ontwikkelen. En het biedt

gelegenheid tot verwondering; het 'gewone' speciaal maken via kunst kunnen kinderen, en ook volwassenen, hun gedachten, kennis en gevoelens uitdrukken en soms ook de wereld van een andere kant leren bekijken. Ik vind dat belangrijk." voegt Machteld hieraan toe.

"Omdat ik Nederlandse ben, ben ik gevraagd om ook Nederlandstalige rondleidingen te geven aan volwassenen. Dat is spannend, maar van de vijf mensen die op deze eerste rondleiding kwamen, waren er drie nog nooit in de Art Gallery geweest en één al jaren niet meer. De tentoonstellingen wisselen om de 3-4 maanden dus het is altijd de moeite waard om te gaan kijken.

**De volgende Nederlandstalige rondleiding staat gepland op zaterdagmiddag 21 Oktober om 2 uur. Je moet je wel opgeven via de website.**

**Je kunt dan een gratis kaartje krijgen. Maar ik kan ook altijd een rondleiding doen voor een groepje geïnteresseerden. Op de website van The Art Gallery of Western Australia staat, dat je die vier weken van tevoren kunt aanvragen."**

<https://artgallery.wa.gov.au/whats-on/events/language-guided-tours>



# Dutch schools will provide meals to students

## One in six Dutch schools apply for free school meals programme.

One in six Dutch schools has registered to receive free meals or financial support for pupils from poor backgrounds after the education ministry set aside €100 million to fund the project.

In total 1,302 schools have applied for help via the youth education fund Jeugdeducatiefonds and Red Cross. Pupils at the schools will get either free meals or a financial contribution towards the family groceries.

Schools can request inclusion if at least 30% of the children come from a low-income family. Most schools that have applied are in Noord and Zuid Holland, which are home to three of the big five cities.

Two-thirds of the schools have asked for free meals and will be given €9 per child per week to fund breakfast or lunch, or full fridges from which children can help themselves.

Volunteers will be drafted in to shop and make the sandwiches or schools can bring in an outside catering company, the education ministry said. The meals will be open to all pupils so as not to differentiate between children.

The rest of the schools have applied for €11 shopping vouchers which parents can ask for.

“Having enough food is a basic need when it comes to learning,” said youth education fund chief Hans Spekman.

“But we want to go further and make sure all children have a bed and can follow music lessons. We put a great deal of time, money and energy into creating equality of opportunity for all children, and you cannot have that on an empty stomach.”

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*(If this was done in Australia it would do more for the hungry children in remote areas than any other measures)*  
**The Editor.**



# The Bingo Page



## NEERLANDIA BINGO

Doors open at 10am. Eyes down at 11am.



**Coffee and tea and biscuits are provided: Self Service.  
Lunch: A bowl of soup and a bun will cost you \$7.50.**

The next games will be held on the 24/05/2023 & 07/06/2023

**Bingo played on the 26th of April.**



There were 32 players for the game played on the 26/04/2023 and 3 played for free. For the first time ever we had a Husband and Wife play for free on the same day. They were **Bill & Tinie Deugd** (and the 3<sup>rd</sup> time in 4 games for Bill, quite a lucky streak); the third free player was **Dora van der List**.

The Cadbury Favourite Chocolates went to **Louise Loomans** and the Neerlandia sponsored Ferrero Chocolates went to **Riet Ooschot**, well done to all those winners.

The 2 Henk's arrived at the same time and Henk Smit let Henk Uyen buy his books first and when Henk Uyen won the Full House in game 1 and the Middle line in game 2, Smitty was quite miffed thinking he'd given up winning books to Henk Uyen. However, he got his revenge when he won the 4 corners in game 3 and then the Full House in game 6.

We had quite a few multiple shared winners such as **Doreen Zarb and Helen Dans** sharing the bonus full house prize in game 2. In game 3 the full house was shared by **Babette van Dijk** and once again **Doreen Zarb**. In game 4 the full house \$35:00 was shared by **Marion Gerritsen** and for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time **Doreen Zarb**. In game 5 **Nellie van der Heiden** got the 3 left end numbers within 8 balls (doesn't happen very often) and then won the full house as well. In Game 6 the bottom line was shared by **Ria Nissen and Leo Steijntjes**, by the time the full house was reached every ball ending in 1 and 2 had been called (that is 1-81 and 2-82). In the ninth game the 3 right end numbers were shared by **Helen Dans** and Mr Bingo **Henk Uyen**; the Full House was shared by **Riet Oorschot and Janke Raayen**. The jackpot game failed to go off within the required 55 balls, however **John van Gentevoort** picked up the Full House, 4 balls later, for \$35:00.

The duck call wasn't working very well and caused quite a lot of laughter.

So why not come along and be one of the winners, as you can see it's possible to win more than once.

**Bingo played on the 10th of May.**

We had 29 players for the game on the 10/05/2023, and 3 playing for free they were **Connie van Emden, John van Gentevoort and Ida van der Kooij**. The Cadbury Favourite Chocolates went to **Babette van Dijk** and the Neerlandia sponsored Ferrero Chocolates were picked up by **Henk Uyen**, well done to those winners. The Full House for \$30:00 went to **Nelly van der Heiden** on the 67<sup>th</sup> ball, the Full House of the bonus game worth \$43:00 went to **Marion Gerritsen**, well done to both of you. Unfortunately the Jackpot of \$140:00 failed to go off within the required 56 balls and reverted to the Full House prize of \$30:00, which was picked up by **Tiny Swart** 2 balls later. In the game requiring the 4 corner numbers it took 35 balls to get them out. In game 8 it took 46 balls to get the middle line out. In the 9<sup>th</sup> game we had 3 winners for the 3 right end numbers each receiving \$4:00 they were **Ann Heistek, Janke Raayen and Tinie Deugd**. In another game we had a false call on number 55 only for it to be won by Rose Groos on the very next ball number 31. We had a few players who had multiple wins and in some games we had multiple winners. We had a period where balls were jumping out of the shoot and luckily they were caught by John before they hit the floor we had a few laughs at that, all in all we had a great day and a lot of fun.

# The Bingo Page & Family Movie afternoon



Come and join us and have some fun and a laugh.

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## Family Movie Afternoon - Dutch Father's Day on 18th June

Bring the family on Sunday the 18th of June to have a fun afternoon watching two Dutch films with English subtitles, at the Rhein Donau Club in Myaree. In honour of it being Father's Day in the Netherlands everyone is welcome, especially dads and granddads. Your reserved ticket will entitle you to movie snacks and a drink during the movie screenings.

You do not need to be a Neerlandia member to attend and you are welcome to bring your friends. At the end of the movie afternoon the Clubhouse

Restaurant will be open for dinner, including nuggets & chips as well as the full menu. First movie screening will start at 2pm and the second movie will start at 3:45pm.

For more information, FAQ and tickets please go to this Eventbrite link

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/fathers-day-dutch-movie-day-with-english-subtitles-tickets-642126506667> Or contact Machiel at [mvdstelt@gmail.com](mailto:mvdstelt@gmail.com)



## NEERLANDIA BOEKHOEK

### Boekbespreking: .



**Fleur en Avril 4Ever** – Een vriendschap met hindernissen. Geschreven door Pluisebol en Sabarinde. In oktober schreef ik een recentie over het boek Fleur en Avril, 2Far – een vriendschap zonder grenzen. Het verhaal over twee 11 jarige harts vriendinnen waarin beschreven wordt hoe beide meisjes het vertrek van Avril uit Nederland naar Australië beleven. Ik had genoten van dat boek. Het was dan ook met veel plezier dat ik aan deel 2 begon, Fleur en Avril 4Ever – een vriendschap met hindernissen.

Ik werd niet teleurgesteld: Inmiddels zijn de meisjes 12 jaar en alhoewel zij er nu aan gewend zijn dat zij elkaar niet dagelijks zien en er nieuwe vrienden in hun dagelijks leven zijn gekomen, blijven de twee vriendinnen elkaar hartstochtelijk missen. Gelukkig dan ook dat zij met behulp van internet, computers en social media elkaar regelmatig kunnen zien en spreken. Toch is dit niet genoeg voor hen. Was Fleur in deel 1 degene die het recht in eigen handen nam, in dit deel is het de beurt aan Avril om hevig te protesteren tegen het besluit van haar ouders ooit te emigreren en de meisjes daardoor uit elkaar te halen.

Ook dit deel is geschreven met veel inzicht en kennis van de gedachte - en gevoelswereld van meisjes in de tiener jaren; de handelingen, de wanhoop, de onzekerheid, de boosheid en het heerlijke spontane van jonge mensen. Daartegenover staat de ouderlijke liefde en de warmte die voor beide vriendinnen als een deken om hun schouders ligt.

Zoals in het vorige deel, zitten ook in dit deel spannende momenten wanneer Avril de Australische pers benaderd en de politie bij Fleur op de stoep staat. En, zoals in het vorige deel, heeft ook deel twee een logisch en hartverwarmend einde.

De kracht van beide boeken zit in de realiteit van de verhalen. Alles wat de meisjes voelen en beleven is herkenbaar – herkenbaar als migrant die alles in het vaderland achterliet EN herkenbaar voor de in het vaderland achtergeblevenen. Deze twee aanraders, deel 1 en deel 2, werden geillustreerd Lisande Dingjan; beide delen zijn te leen in de Mies Bibliotheek van Neerlandia. Veel leesplezier toegewenst!

#### Geïnteresseerd om dit boek te lezen?

Fleur and Avril 4ever and 2far kan door club leden geleend worden uit de Neerlandia bibliotheek, die altijd open is wanneer de Rhein Donau Club open is: [www.rheindonaclub.iinet.net.au](http://www.rheindonaclub.iinet.net.au).

De lezer heeft toegang tot boeken van zowel Nederlandse- als buitenlandse auteurs. Alle boeken zijn in de Nederlandse taal. De meeste boeken zijn niet ouder dan 1990 tenzij een boek opgenomen is in het Canon van Nederland. <https://www.rijksoverheid.nl/onderwerpen/voortgezet-onderwijs/vraag-en-antwoord/wat-is-de-canon-van-nederland>.

In de bibliotheek hangt een lijst en de lezer wordt gevraagd naam en telefoon naast de titel van het boek te schrijven. Hierdoor wordt het voor Machiel, de Neerlandia bibliothecaris, eenvoudiger om het bestand te beheren.

Bij Machiel kunt u ook informatie inwinnen over toegang tot Nederlandstalige luisterboeken. Tevens is Machiel altijd geïnteresseerd in donaties van Nederlandstalige kinderboeken. Er is op dit moment helaas geen ruimte voor andere dan kinderboeken.

U kunt contact opnemen met Machiel via [mvdstelt@gmail.com](mailto:mvdstelt@gmail.com) of assistent bibliothecaresse Lianna via [lianna.vanstraaten@gmail.com](mailto:lianna.vanstraaten@gmail.com)

Onze online catalogus is een work in progress maar men heeft nu al toegang tot een gedeelte van ons boekenbestand: Titels kunnen on-line bekijken worden voordat men het boek in de bibliotheek leent. Bezoek deze link voor een kijkje van het (gedeeltelijke) aanbod:

<https://mies.libraria.com>

(Important changes may be occurring soon at the RDC, that will involve the Mies Library. See the President's report on page 3. Editor.)

## Fleur en Avril 4EVER

EEN VRIENDSCHAP MET HINDERNISSEN



Pluisebol en Sabarinde

# Silent Disco at Morley Windmills



Friday night 30 June 2023

## Neerlandia Silent Disco

at Morley Windmills Soccer Club

in conjunction with the Maas & Waal evening

Put on your dancing shoes and come and enjoy a fun Silent Disco for everyone, with a great variety of music.

Come and enjoy a fun evening at the Neerlandia Silent Disco for young and old with a great selection of music to listen and dance to.

There will be 3 music channels streaming to headsets. The first channel will broadcast 80's and later Disco and pop songs, the second channel will broadcast 2000's and up dance music, and the third channel will broadcast a wide variety for Dutch language Rock songs.

Neerlandia members pay \$5 per person and non Neerlandia members pay \$10 per person. Dutch snack foods available for purchase from 6:30pm onwards and clubhouse bar open from 6pm. Free onsite parking.

For tickets, go to:

[Neerlandia Silent Disco for young and old Tickets, Fri 30/06/2023 at 6:30 pm | Eventbrite](#)

For more details contact Machiel van der Stelt via [mvdstelt@gmail.com](mailto:mvdstelt@gmail.com) or visit our website  
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## The Seniors Club.

Numbers were down by just a few over the past two Seniors days. That was due to illness or the need to attend to scarce but precious Doctor , or Specialist appointments, which unfortunately clashed with our Seniors day. Nevertheless, just like always, those who were present enjoyed their game of Jokeren, Rummykup, Sjoelbak or Snooker. For the past three Seniors Days we enjoyed a cake. On the 4th of May, it was one for Mother's Day, and on the 18th of May, it was for a belated birthday celebration for Mia Boshart, who had been unable to be present for the previous two meetings. Thank you Mia.

Because we were told the Kitchen would be undergoing renovations after Mother's Day,



everyone was advised to bring along their lunch from home. This occurred and it was quite different to our normal day's procedure. There was no orderly service to your table. People simply sat at their table once their game was finished, and after the first few people had set the example. There was no "time for lunch" call. All will return to normal from our next Seniors meeting on the 1st of June 23.

**John Zwartkruis.**



# Neerlandia Out and About

## Neerlandia is out and about.



For many years now, The Dutch Clog Dancers, Toon & Hannie Kamps, have been performing for Aged Care Facilities around Perth. On Saturday the 19th of May, they were once again putting on their show for residents in MyVista Lifestyle Village in Mirrabooka. However, on this occasion, your President became involved as a request came in to see if they could borrow or hire items from our club for their "Armchair Travel to The Netherlands" event.

For those of you who have seen Toon and Hannie in action, you know how well they perform and get the audience to participate. For everyone else, know that we have two wonderful members, who perform in

front of Aged Care Residents on a very regular basis and entertain their audiences with colour, humour, some educational material, and personal participation by the audience. The staff, who organised this day were all dressed up as Airline Stewardesses and a Pilot. Residents had been issued Passports, which needed to be shown to gain entry to the room. They had also gone to "Het Winkeltje" in Guildford and bought Speculaas, Stroop Wafels, Lange Vingers, and Ontbijtkoek for the residents to enjoy. The room was already decorated with flags of Red, White, and Blue, as well as Orange. Photos of places in the Netherlands had been stuck onto the walls and a Tourist Style Video about the Netherlands

was playing on a big TV Screen.

For my part, I had brought along lots of photos pinned onto 2 pinup boards, lots of Delft's Blue pottery and trinkets, our flag with our King & Queen as well as various books and information about the Netherlands that was informative and revealing for many in the audience. I even brought André Rieu along, and there was a lot of laughter in the audience. Together we performed to a high degree of success. I was told by the organisers that they received a lot of good feedback, as they brought the residents back to their rooms. I was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation in my personal name, but it should have been in the name of Neerlandia. It was both a pleasure and an honour to be present with Toon and Hannie and together show the Residents a part of the history and culture of the country of our birth.



# A Report on the May Sunday Klaverjas competition

## Report on the May Sunday Klaverjas Drive.

The May Klaverjas Drive was held on Sunday the 7th.

Unfortunately Joke and Piet Leeflang could not attend as they had to attend a family function.

However, this was not a great problem as Jan Zwartkruis was assisted on the day by the ever reliable Piet Segers.

There were 14 players present. This included Nel Bakker and Shirley van Kwawegen, who both had not attended for quite some time. One was given a lift by another player. Welcome back Nel and Shirley!

This meant we had once again 3 tables with two "Invallers", so the game that was played had to be re-organised

The players on the one table that had no Invaller, only played 3 competition games, similar to Thursday nights.

With the other 2 tables, all players take turns to sit out one game each, all except the scorers, who play 4 games, but the 4th game does not count for the competition.

Seems complicated, maybe, but after years of experience, the organisers know what they are doing.

In short, everyone plays 3 games that will count for the competition, which gives everyone an even chance to win one of the prizes.



The Winners, left to right: Second Prize, Freda Hovingh; 3rd Prize, Nel Bakker: 1st Prize Shirley van Kwawegen.

Lunch was ordered and picked up from the nearest Subway branch and was enjoyed by all.

Nel and Shirley were rewarded for coming, as both won a prize!!! Well done.

The Winners on the day were: -

**1st Prize: Shirley Kwawegen - 5159 points**

**2nd Prize: Freda Hovingh - 4861 points**

**3rd Prize: Nellie Bakker - 4836 points**

Congratulations to the three winners. If you missed out, better luck next time.

**Pieter Leeflang,  
Organiser.**



**ATTENTION  
ALL KLAVERJAS  
PLAYERS.**

**The following Sunday  
Drives Card Competitions will be  
on:**

**Sunday the 4th of June,**

**Sunday the 2nd of July,**

**And Sunday the 6th of August**

**Note the new attendance time:  
Doors open at 10.30 am  
Competition starts at 11.00am**

*Verrek,  
da's ne zétpille!  
woer he'k dan mien  
geheurapperaatje....?*



# Results of the first 15 week competition of 2023

## The results of the 1<sup>st</sup> Klaverjas Competition of 2023.

The 15 week competition started on 26 January right after the summer holiday break.

One of our players proved without doubt, what a champion player he is.

He took the lead on the first competition Day, he lost the lead for the second and third week, but took the lead once again on the 4<sup>th</sup> week and did not relinquish it for the rest of the competition!!!

**His average score over the 15 weeks was 5014 points.**

At the end he was 2771 points ahead of the runner up.

### The battle for the minor places.

During the first 6 weeks, 4 different players occupied the second place.

However, in week seven, one player came storming up the ladder and was second for 4 weeks. A good effort as she had missed more than one year due to health problems.

But all good things come to an end, as yet another player stormed up the ladder in week 11 and never looked back and he finished 605 points in front of the third placegetter.

### The Marsen and Average Prize.

Most Marsen were scored by two of the top three players with 30 and 29 Marsen.

Both, of course, were ineligible to win 2 prizes.

Next in line were 2 players with 26 Marsen and they both got the Marsen prize.

The Average Prize was won by a player that was 156 points off that total.

### **The Winners were:**

**1st Piet Segers                    75214 points & 23 marsen**

**2nd Piet Leeflang                72443 points & 30 marsen**

**3rd Elly Schenkelaars            71838 points & 29 marsen**

**The Marsen Prize went to: Jan Zwartkruis & Marina Bull, each with 26 marsen**

**The average Score was 66315. Henk Smith as he was 156 points off the average score.**

**Hanny Kamps won the Bolivia prize.**

Congratulations to all the winners and if you missed out, better luck in the next competition, which is well on the way.

**Pieter Leeflang.**



**The prize winners of the 1st Klaverjas Competition of 2023 from left to right.**

Piet Leeflang, second prize; Hanny Kamps, Bolivia Prize; Marina Bull, shared Marsen Prize;  
Elly Schenkelaars, third Prize; Piet Segers, 1st Prize; Henk Smit, Average Score Prize and  
John Zwartkruis, shared Marsen Prize.

# Editorial, New Members and Members Birthdays

## Editorial.

You all would have read in the President's report that the RDC Kitchen renovations will not start until November, which hardly affects anyone at all.

Also, that the Mies Library will close in the very near future. That has been on the cards for a long time.

Let's face it, not too many people read printed books anymore. Modern technology has taken over.

I only do get a book, if I go on a substantial plane trip, as electronic equipment is frowned upon by the airlines. Batteries can explode.

These days it is so easy to download books onto a Kindle, your iPhone, your iPad or your laptop. Companies like Amazon are efficient, quick and have a substantial choice of books and quite a few books are free. And there are others providers.

However, if one wants to read best sellers, that will cost you an arm and a leg.

I am sure that Dutch books from the Netherlands, can also be downloaded without a problem. Maybe some of our readers can suggest reliable websites in the Netherlands for that. Send the details to me and I will publish the details in future magazines.

Personally, I do read about one book per fortnight, but as I am a very busy person, I only read light-hearted books, purely for entertainment and relaxing and much better than watching TV. There they report only negative news and I do not want more of the same on my kindle book.

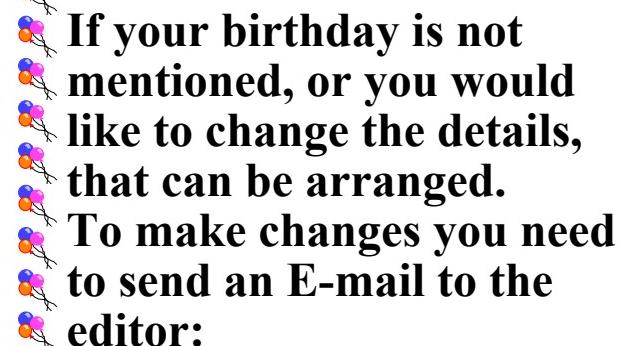
Pieter Leeflang, Editor

**NEERLANDIA WELCOMES  
THE FOLLOWING NEW  
MEMBERS.**

Thea Stroop  
Betty Drabble

The following Members will celebrate their Birthday during the month of June 2023. We wish them all a very Happy Birthday.

Neila	Pumphrey
Thea	Stroop
John	Kramer
Riki	Schaafsma
Ria	Nissen
Ferdi	Klesch
Gerard	Kluck
Astrid	Armitage
Ruth	Armitage
Fiona	Rozendal
Henk	Uyen
Eugenia	Kluck
Lewis	Marcus
Helen	Dans
Clive	Read
Yolanda	Strauss
Olga	van Haften
George	van Beek
Maud	Berg-Jacobs
Johan	Smit
Helene	Eagle

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# Upcoming Event



**NEERLANDIA**  
**54<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**  
**LUNCH**



**A delicious Indonesian Rijsttafel Buffet .**

All Members are invited to celebrate the 53<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of Neerlandia.

**When – 30 July 2023 – Arrive from 11:30AM – Lunch served at 12:30PM**  
**Where – The Rhein Donau Club – 110 North Lake Rd, Myaree.**

Our now very popular Raffle will be on again.

You may also witness a few other surprises.

Neerlandia has survived for 54 years and is still going strong.

**Come and make this day another memorable event in our history.**

**This event is subsidised by your Neerlandia Committee.**

**Financial Members : \$20.00 Non (financial) Members: \$50.00**

**Book early to avoid disappointment.**

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# May a bit of Humour light up your Day

## As I get older.



As I get older I've come to realise the following 10 things:

1. I talk to myself because I sometimes need expert advice.
2. Sometimes I roll my eyes out loud.
3. I don't need anger management. I need people to use a bit of common sense and stop being so silly.
4. My people skills are just fine. It's my tolerance for stupidity that might need some work.
5. The biggest lie I tell myself is "I don't need to write that down, I'll remember it!"
6. When I was a child I thought nap time was punishment. Now, it's like a mini-vacation.
7. The day the world runs out of wine is just too terrible to think about.
8. Even duct tape can't fix silly, but it can muffle the sound.
9. Wouldn't it be great if we could put ourselves in the dryer for 10 minutes; come out wrinkle-free and three sizes smaller?
10. "Getting lucky" means walking into a room and remembering, why I am there.

## Caught Shoplifting.

A grumpy woman was recently arrested for shoplifting at the local supermarket. During her arrest, she gave everyone a hard time – from the store manager to the security guard, even the arresting officer who escorted her back to the police station.

She made quite a scene, complained and criticised everyone and everything



throughout the process.

When she appeared before the court, the magistrate asked her what she had stolen from the supermarket.

"Just a silly can of apricots, you old fool," she replied defiantly.

When the judge asked why she had done it, the woman replied,

"I forgot to bring my purse with me."

The judge then asked her how many apricots were in the can.

Now the woman was really riled up. "Nine! What's it to you?"

Patiently, the judge responded: "Madam, I'm going to give you nine days in jail. One day for each apricot."

As the judge was about to wrap things up, the woman's husband raised his hand and asked if he might speak.

"Yes sir, what do you have to add?" the judge asked.

Confidently, the husband replied: "Your Honour, she also stole two cans of peas."

## Why do you have a big brass gong in your bedroom?

After closing time at the bar, a man (who was just a bit tipsy) was proudly showing off his new apartment to a couple of his friends. He led them to his bedroom where he had a big brass gong and a mallet.



# May a bit of Humour light up your Day

"What's with the gong?" one of his friends asked.

"It's not a gong," the drunk man said, "It's a talking clock."

"A talking clock? Are you serious?" is astonished friend asked.

"Yup!"

"How does it work?" the friend asked.

"I'll show you!" said the drunk man, picking up the mallet and giving the brass gong an ear-shattering pound. He stepped back and waited with the other two men. Suddenly, from the other side of the wall, a voice yelled: "You bloody idiot! It's three fifteen in the morning!"

## The plight of the travelling salesman.

A travelling salesman was about to check in at a hotel, when a charming lady giving him a wink, a luscious smile and beckoned him to come to her.

In a casual manner, he walked over and she spoke to him as though he had known her all his life. A few dinks after and hey both walked back to the reception desk and checked in as Mr and Mrs.

After a three-day stay, the woman checked out and the man walked up to the desk and informed the clerk that he would like to settle the bill. The clerk presented him with the bill, which was for \$4,750.



"There seems to be a mistake here," the man protested. "I have been here for only three days!"

"Yes," replied the clerk, "That is quite correct, but your wife has been here a whole month."

## A test to see how well you have used old Technology.

Score 1 point for each one of these that you have done during your life.

Used a dial phone to make a phone call.

Used a floppy disk to save data.

Typed a document or letter on a typewriter.



Taken photos using a film camera.

Listened to music on a COMPACT DISC (CD).

Listened to music on a CASSETTE TAPE.

Listened to music using a vinyl record player.

Listened to music on a Walkman.

Listened to music using a Boom Box.

Recorded music direct from a radio.

Watched a video using a VHS cassette.

Watched a video taken from a Video Library or Video Hire place.

Sent or received a Fax.

Used a modem to dial into your internet service provider and check your emails.

Used a telephone book to find a phone number.

Sent a postcard.

Used a paper road map to get directions.



Owned and used a dictionary.

Consulted an Encyclopedia in book format.

Paid a bill or account using a paper cheque.

If you scored a perfect score, you certainly have lived through a period of rapid change.

If your score is low or zero, see how much you have missed out on.

# Lelystad, City on the bottom of the Zuiderzee



Flag & Coat of Arms of Lelystad

Lelystad is a Municipality and a City in the centre of the Netherlands and it is the capital City of the relatively new Province of Flevoland. The City, built on reclaimed land, was founded in 1967 and was named after Cornelis Lely, who engineered the Afsluitdijk, a Dike across the former Southern Sea (Zuiderzee) making the reclamation of the area possible. Lelystad is approximately 3 metres below sea level.

## Flevoland the largest Polder in the world:

After the Second World War the Zuiderzee Works continued, constructing the Polder of Flevoland. Almost all of the land belonging to Flevoland was reclaimed in the 1950s and Lelystad is the largest Municipality in the Netherlands in area, but a large part of that area is water, the Markermeer and the IJsselmeer.



## History:

**Lelystad** is built on the seabed of the former Zuiderzee. About 6500 years ago this wetland was above high tide level and inhabited; the Netherlands have steadily been subsiding since. Due to the rising water level and storms, the peatlands were washed away and the area first became "Lacus Flevo" (Roman times) and when it became larger and larger, it became the Almere (in the Middle Ages) and finally it became the Zuiderzee.

## The Maritime Museum:

Due to the many shipwrecks in Flevoland, Lelystad houses the National Centre for the Maritime History. They have a Museum, a Ship Yard where the Batavia Replica was built and just outside is the quay, where it can be visited.



The Maritime Museum.



Interesting variety of apartment buildings.



The central railway station.

# Lelystad, City on the bottom of the Zuiderzee



A 26-meter-high statue of a crouching human figure.



Bicycles, terraces and modern buildings.

and interesting way. The history of the original Batavia that was built in 1628, involves a shipwreck, a betrayal, a mutiny, a massacre, a trial and an execution. Much more about that in the Perth Maritime Museum.

## Aviation Museum Aviodrome:

Another unique Museum in Lelystad is the Aviodrome. It is an aerospace Museum located at the Lelystad airport. The Museum was previously located at Schiphol Airport, but since 2003 Lelystad is its home.

There are more than 100 different aircrafts to discover as well as a state-of-the-art 4D movie theatre in which you can experience everything to do with aviation. This is an experience for both the young and old, with an hour's worth of entertainment for the whole family. The best part of it all – you can get your very own Aviodrome pilot's license!



The Konik Horse, extinct in the

## Oostvaardersplassen:

One of the nature-oriented Lelystad tourist attractions is the Oostvaardersplassen – a 56 square kilometre nature reserve in Flevoland. The area is made up of reeds, rugged grasslands, ponds, and it is surrounded by forests. It has lots of deer, the Polish Konik horse, (extinct in the wild) Heck Cows and it is a birdwatchers paradise.

Compiled from the Internet by Pieter Leeflang.



Tulip Fields next to the access Highway.



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Please contact Lianna on 0437 629 635 to place your order and to arrange pick up of your favourite bottle of: -

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Jonge Jenever - \$65  
Citroen Jenever - \$60  
Citroen Brandewijn - \$50  
Coebergh Bessen Likeur - \$45  
Oude Jenever (stone bottle)-\$75  
**(Presently stocks are low at Nicks)**



## CODE WORD PUZZLE

A **Codebreaker** is a crossword puzzle with no clues! Every letter of the alphabet is replaced by a number.

For these puzzles, **two or three** letters are revealed. Start with entering these throughout the puzzle, start to guess your first word or letter. Use a pencil to start, then if it does not workout, you can erase it and start again.

Some letters, e.g. the letters E and A and S can occur more often than others e.g. the letters Q, X or Z.

### Results of last month's Bonus TOP CODEWORD.

This puzzle was not a pushover at all and it was not easy to find the first 3 words. But once the words: **Guttural**, **Disqualify** and **Raindrop** were found, the rest became easier.

*The letter codes for last month's Top Codebreaker were as follows:*

*A=21; B=23; C=22; D=10; E=5;  
F=1; G=8; H=15; I=25; J=24; K=20;  
L=4; M=26; N=17; O=7; P=9;  
Q=14; R=19; S=11; T=6; U=12;  
V=2; W=3; X=16; Y=13; Z=18.*

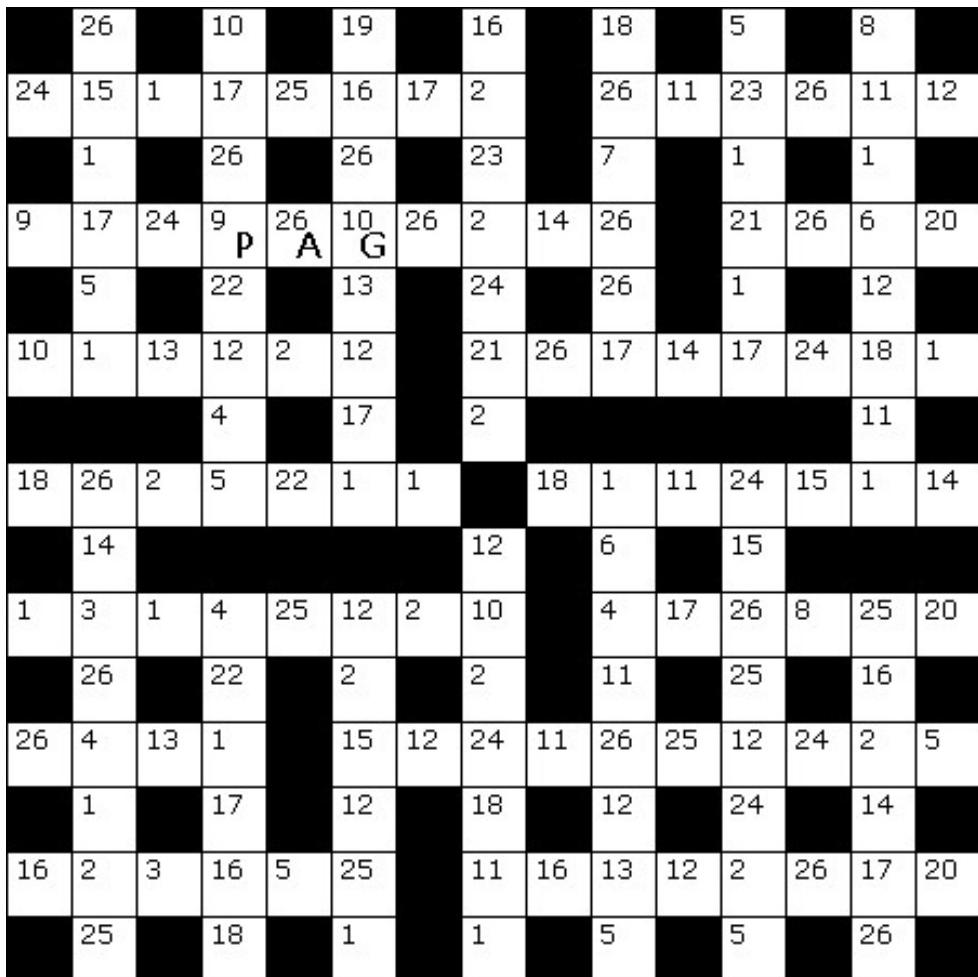
### Results of last month's Bonus BOTTOM CODEWORD.

This puzzle was not easy either. It took me a while to find the first three words, but after that it was smooth sailing. The first three words were: **Lullabies**, **Dabbled** and **Esplanades**.

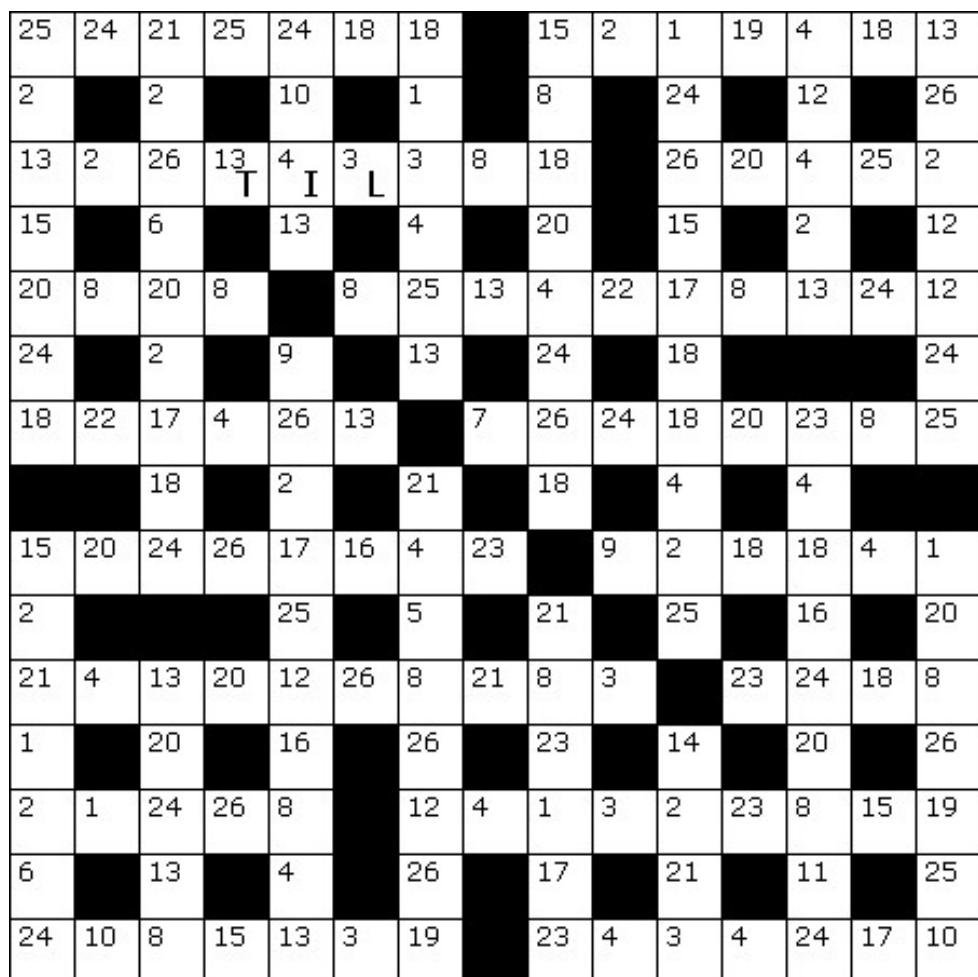
*The letter codes for last month's bottom Codebreaker were as follows:*

*A=10; B=16; C=18; D=13; E=20;  
F=6; G=17; H=4; I=12; J=22; K=23;  
L=7; M=25; N=15; O=3; P=5; Q=1;  
R=21; S=26; T=8; U=14; V=9; W=2;  
X=24; Y=19; Z=11.*

## Two Bonus Code-Word Puzzles

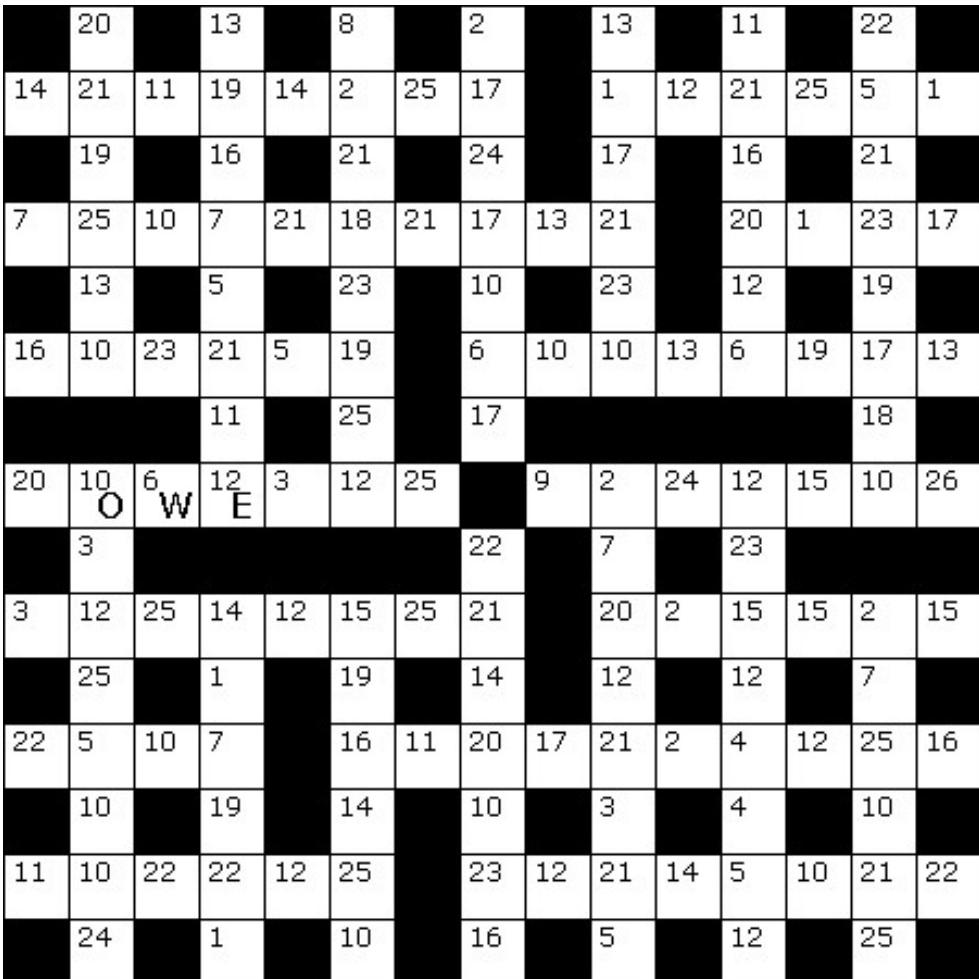


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# Code-Word and Sudoku Puzzles Page



A B C D E F G H I J K L M N Ø P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

1	2	3	4	5	6	W	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	

## Sudoku Puzzles

The aim of the Sudoku Puzzle is to insert numbers 1-9 in the each row and column; each 3x3 box must also contain a complete set of numbers 1-9.

**Sudoku 984  
Easy Puzzle**

**Sudoku 984  
Medium Puzzle**

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## CODE WORD PUZZLE.

A **Codebreaker** is a crossword puzzle with no clues! Every letter of the alphabet is replaced by a number.

For this puzzle **three** letters are revealed. Start with entering these throughout the puzzle and then start to guess your first word or letter. Use a pencil to start, then if it does not work out, you can erase and start again. Some letters, e.g. the letters E and A and S occur more often than others e.g. the letter X or Z.

*To find the first three words of last month's Codebreaker was quite easy.*

*The first 3 words I found were:  
Revolver, Oboe and Overflow.*

*Once those 3 words were found, it still was not easy.*

*The letter codes for last month's Codebreaker were as follows:*

*A=3; B=1; C=22; D=12; E=6;  
F=11; G=7; H=16; I=5; J=10;  
K=2; L=24; M=18; N=20;  
O=13; P=15; Q=26; R=17; S=9;  
T=21; U=25; V=4; W=23;  
X=14; Y=8; Z=19.*

Last month's  
Sudoku Easy 983 solution.

9	2	5	1	4	6	8	7	3					
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6	9	8	4	3	2	5	1	7					
5	1	2	6	9	7	3	4	8					
7	4	3	8	5	1	6	9	2					

Last month's  
Sudoku Medium 983 solution.

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7	4	3	8	5	1	6	9	2					

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